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SUBJ: GOTT PLANS TO PROTEST U.S. TRADE ACT

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1. IN A SURPRISE ANNOUNCEMENT FEBRUARY 21, MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE ERROL MAHABIR SAID THAT THE GOTT COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO STUDY THE U.S. TRADE ACT HAD FOUND SEVERAL PROVISIONS OBJECTIONABLE. CABINET HAS APPROVED THE COMMITTEE'S FINDING AND INSTRUCTED MAHABIR TO DISCUSS THE GOTT'S CONCERNS WITH OTHER CARICOM MEMBERS AT THE MINISTERIAL-LEVEL MEETING IN BARBADOS FEBRUARY 24. MAHABIR SAID THAT RATHER THAN THE GOTT ALONE TAKING A POSITION, THE CARICOM GOVERNMENTS WILL TRY TO DEVELOP A JOINT POSITION AT THE MEETING (ALTHOUGH ITS PRINCIPAL TOPIC IS THE EEC-ACP AGREEMENT).

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2. COMMENT: THIS IS THE FIRST NEGATIVE REACTION WE HAVE HAD TO THE TRADE ACT, AND IT MAY BE A CRUCIAL ONE SINCE WE PRESUME THAT MAHABIR'S STATEMENT WAS COORDINATED WITH PM WILLIAMS AND MINISTER OF FINANCE CHAMBERS, WHO ARE STILL IN THE UNITED STATES. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE PROVISIONS DECLARED OBJECTIONABLE BY THE GOTT COMMITTEE INCLUDE THE "CARTELS" SECTION AND SECTIONS WHICH "DISCRIMINATE AGAINST NATIONS WHICH NATIONALIZE U.S. INVESTMENT." AT THIS STAGE, WE ARE UNABLE TO PREDICT WHETHER THE GOTT WILL SETTLE FOR A CARICOM POSITION DEPLORING OBJECTIONABLE PROVISIONS, OR IF IT MIGHT PUSH FOR COMPLETE REJECTION OF THE TRADE ACT.
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